

REMARKS

This amendment is presented in response to the examiner's request for an "all-encompassing" amendment in accordance with 37 CFR 1.173. Claims 1-13 were patented in U.S. Patent No. 6,026,372, of which this application is a reissue application. Claims 14-55 were added in a preliminary amendment filed with this reissue application. During prosecution of this reissue application, claims 1, 7, and 14-22 were amended one or more times and claims 23-55 were canceled as being drawn to non-elected method claims. All amendments are shown relative to the originally issued claims in U.S. Patent No. 6,026,372, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.173. As a result, claims 1-22 remain pending and were indicated as reciting allowable subject matter during a telephone conversation with the examiner on July 19, 2007.

Assignee Consent

Assignee consent is not required because the instant application was never assigned. Thus, John Savage, the inventor, retains sole ownership of the instant application.

Supplemental Reissue Declaration

A supplemental Reissue Declaration was submitted on July 30, 2007.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-22: Pending


Claims 23-55: Canceled

Conclusion

This amendment brings the instant application into conformance with 37 CFR 1.173 and 37 CFR 1.175. As a result, the applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. No fees are believed due. However, the Director is authorized to debit deposit account no. 13-2855 of Marshall, Gerstein & Borun LLP for any required fees.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned Agent.

Respectfully submitted,

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